HOUSE BILL 1280

By Matheny

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to confiscated weapons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1317, is amended by adding the following language to the end of subsection (b):

Any weapon that ceases to be used for legitimate law enforcement purposes shall be sold in a public sale.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1317, is further amended by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

(m) All persons not prohibited by state or federal law from owning, possessing, or purchasing a firearm shall be eligible to purchase weapons declared to be contraband. Public sales of weapons pursuant to this part shall be open to all persons eligible to purchase such weapons. A public sale of weapons declared to be contraband that is limited to gun dealers is against public policy and is void.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.